

ABSOLUTE RATING: Unsatisfactory
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 19. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.
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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Unsatisfactory	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	35.1	38.9	49.0	47.1	47.2	56.5
• Passed 2 subtests	29.8	16.7	26.5	23.2	23.2	19.8
• Passed 1 subtest	26.3	18.1	8.2	16.2	17.3	13.8
• Passed no subtests	8.8	26.4	16.3	13.5	12.3	9.9

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	7.7%	7.4%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	7.7%	7.5%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	46.2%	41.5%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	75.0%	7.7%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	75.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	75.0%	8.3%	
Gender			
Male	76.2%	5.6%	
Female	74.1%	9.5%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	71.1%	6.1%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	90.0%	16.7%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	71.1%	7.7%	
Pay for lunch	90.0%	7.7%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	56.1%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	43.3%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,657	N/A	\$5,361	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	84.8%	Up from 80.6%	88.1%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	18.0 to 1	N/A	24.1 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=268)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	12.5%	N/A	9.2%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	92.0%	Up from 91.8%	94.7%	95.3%
• Retention rate	22.4%	Up from 7.8%	11.4%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=21)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.9 Days	Down from 9.7	8.3 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	94.3%	Up from 91.3%	95.0%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	42.9%	No change	42.0%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	81.0%	Down from 86.4%	74.1%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	3.3%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	83.9%	Up from 79.1%	83.2%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,169	Down 0.5%	\$36,262	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	7.7%	Up from 2.6%	3.9%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	55.2%	N/A	54.5%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	3.0	N/A	2.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	49.8%	N/A	60.2%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	15.3%	Down from 15.4%	13.4%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	10	N/A	50	29
• Gifted and talented	0.0%	N/A	1.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	11.8%	Down from 12.1%	11.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.8%	N/A	6.0%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	116	N/A	331	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	22.4%	N/A	22.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Ruffin High School is located in Ruffin, South Carolina, serving 249 students from a medium- to low-income population. The school population consists of 84% black and 16% white.

Ruffin High School, staff, parents, and students, during the 2000-Year, began developing their Strategic Plan for the next five years. Goals were set to raise test scores in reading and math, to increase the use of technology by faculty, staff, and students, to increase parent involvement and communication, and to increase the number of students taking Advanced Placement Courses.

To raise test scores, we offer English as a year-long course to ninth grade students.

During third period, Word Study or AA Math is taught to students scoring below 50% in reading and math. Tutorial math and reading is offered during recess. Math and reading teachers are available after school on a rotating basis. Science teachers are available to assist students. Math Remediation is offered to Seniors who did not pass the Exit Exam. Success is offered to get students interested in career and vocational opportunities. Journalism is offered to improve writing skills. SAT Prep classes are offered in reading and math. Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound Program are offered through Technical College of the Lowcountry. The Exit Exam Workshops are offered through Denmark Technical College.

Teachers are given copies of both the Exit Exam and PACT scores. Students are given a pre- and post-test in all subjects. To increase the use of technology, staff development was implemented on the use of computers. Computers were placed in all classrooms; additional computers have been placed in the Media Center, and the computer lab is available for classes, teachers, and students. To increase parent involvement, we place school news on the Ruffin High School website. The Ruffin High School Newsletter goes out each month. The Patriot Press (a student created publication) is published four times a year. Students are given awards and recognized for making the Honor Roll, good behavior, and service to their school and community.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	38.9	73.9	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	55.6	75.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	16.7	81.4	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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155 Patriot Lane
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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 268 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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